BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO.97-AD-0552

IN RE:

NOTICE OF THE DESIGNATION OF SERVICE AREAS TO BE SERVED BY NON-RURAL CARRIERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 214 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 (TA96) FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE OBLIGATIONS AND SUPPORT

MECHANISMS.

ORDER

THIS DAY, there came on for consideration by the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Commission), the matter of the designation of service areas to be served by non-rural carriers pursuant to §214 of TA96 for the purpose of Universal Service obligations and support mechanisms.

After reviewing TA96 and upon the recommendation of the Public Utilities Staff, the Commission finds that the geographical service area to be served by non-rural carriers is the current RBOC franchised area as depicted on "Exhibit A" attached hereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that "Exhibit A" attached hereto depicts the service area to be served by nonrural carriers for the purpose of Universal Service obligations and support mechanisms.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Executive Secretary of this Commission shall furnish a copy of this Order to all telecommunication carriers and all wireless providers operating within the State of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon its issuance.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted 12: Vice-Chairman Bo Robinson voted 12; Commissioner George

Byars voted ...

SO ORDERED on this the 16 day of 20mbre, 1997.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Nielsen Cochran Chairman

Bo Roomson, Vice-Chairman

George Byars, Commissioner

BRAAN U. RAY

Executive Secretary

